

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

The Political Reform Act, Government Code section 81000, et seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate Conflict of Interest Codes. The Fair Political Practice Commission has adopted a regulation, California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18730, which contains the terms of a standard Conflict of Interest Code, which can be incorporated by reference, and which may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act after public notice and hearings. The Board of Prison Terms' (Board) Conflict of Interest Code is located at California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2005.

Government Code section 87302 (a) requires that the Conflict of Interest Code include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest. The proposed amendments include the addition of the position of Parole Agent III/Executive Division. It has been determined that the duties of this position make or participate in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest.

The remaining proposed amendments are non-substantive. The designated employee position of Chief Deputy of the Administrative Correctional Program has been deleted, as this position no longer exists at the Board of Prison Terms. And, language has been added to the disclosure categories to clarify that "income" includes gifts, loans and travel payments.